



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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House Fire in Sterling

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All Loudoun County EMS and Fire Personnel and friends of the Loudoun County EMS System:

I hope that the happiness normally present during the Holiday season was not dampened this year by the tense nature of the Code Orange Alert status. I hope that you and your families were able to enjoy the magic nature of the season and appropriately welcomed in the New Year.

As we prepare to face another year of meeting the Emergency Medical Service needs of our fellow citizens, I thought I would share with you some good news as we begin the year.

I officially learned today, that an honor has been bestowed on one of our own. The Loudoun Hospital Center Board of Directors decreed that the Emergency Department located at the Lansdowne campus, would in perpetuity be named the "Donald A. Sabella, MD - Emergency Department."

There is certainly a well-deserved honor to a man who has meticulously taken care of the emergency health care needs of our community for so many years. In addition, as Medical Director he has been a leader, teacher, partner and friend in shaping an efficient and effective pre-hospital EMS service in Loudoun County.

Please join me in thanking the Loudoun Hospital Center Board of Directors for bestowing this recognition on Dr. Sabella and also in congratulating Dr. Sabella on this well-deserved honor.

A dedication ceremony will be conducted in the future and it is our hope that many of you will be able to attend. I will notify you of the date when the official dedication ceremony is scheduled.

Sincerely,
Leo C. Kelly, PA
Chairman
Loudoun County EMS Council, Inc.

Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Commission

Doug Rambo
Fred Muller

Allie Love
Joe Habib

Mickey Buchanan
Ian Buchanan

**Bob Griffin, Chief, Loudoun County Department of
Fire & Rescue Services**

Jim Clem, Board of Supervisor
Donald A. Sabella, M.D., Medical Director

COMPANY NEWS

Training in Sterling

On November 30th, personnel from Sterling Fire, Ashburn Fire and Rescue (Career and Volunteer staffing) and Battalion Chief Joe Bailey took part in a training evolution on Waxpool Road. The purpose of this drill was to begin to teach units to work together on pre-assigned unit assignments and with the Incident Command System. This training was aimed at developing the skills of newly promoted unit officers as well as refreshing some of the veterans.

The structure that was used was one of the many that have been donated to Sterling Fire as part of the Route 28 & Church Road highway improvements. Because a burn permit has not been obtained yet due to asbestos problems, the training was conducted under simulated conditions using smoke machines and props. One of the highlights of this training was the 'fire-through-the-roof' prop that sprung up as 'fire conditions worsened'. This gave the outside commander the opportunity to update interior crews with changing conditions visible from the outside.

The day was a good success with Battalion Chief Joe Bailey really adding his insight and experience to the crew leaders after each evolution. The use of props provided a safe no-fault training environment that maximized the drill participants learning experience.

Special thanks goes out to Sterling Rescue who provided a



BLS crew to standby during this training.

The plan is use all of these structures for live fire training once the burn permits are issued. There are approximately 12 structures of a variety shapes and sizes to be used. It is anticipated that the time constraints will make it so that the training will have to be completed in a very

short period of time. In order to facilitate this, a training representative from every company in Loudoun is encouraged to contact Assistant Chief David Short (Firemanshort@aol.com <<mailto:Firemanshort@aol.com>>) if they are interested in par-

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MARCH 2004

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	2	3 Companies 13 & 17	4 Company 15	5	6
7	8 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	9 Rescue Chiefs	10 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	11	12	13
14 Company 14	15 Company 1 ALS Committee	16 EMS Council	17 Fire Council	18	19	20
21	22 Companies 4 & 8	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Fire-Rescue Commission (may change)	31			
SCHEDULED TRAINING						

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #1 January 11, 2004
 Class #2 February 8, 2004
 Class #3 March 6, 2004
 Class #4 May 16, 2004
 Class #5 July 17, 2004
 Class #6 August 29, 2004
 Class #7 October 17, 2004
 Class #8 December 5, 2004

PRIDE Training

Class #1 January 13, 2004
 Class #2 January 15, 2004
 Class #3 January 20, 2004
 Class #4 January 23, 2004
 Class #5 January 27, 2004
 Class #6 January 28, 2004
 Class #7 January 29, 2004

Fire-Rescue Orientation

Course #1 February 4, 2004
 Course #2 February 12, 2004
Walk-in, no PPTR Required
See Page 8 for additional info.

EMT-B Refresher-Daytime

Class #1 Feb. 5-11, 2004
 Class #2 Feb. 19-25, 2004
 County Test Feb. 28, 2004

EMT-E to EMT-Intermediate

Bridge Course
 February 9-June 11, 2004

ALS Challenge

February 9-22, 2004

ACLS Refresher

February 15, 2004

Fire Instructor I

February 17-March 23, 2004
 Emergency Vehicle Operations
 March 16, 18, 20, 2004

Senior Leadership Conference

February 28, 2004

(for F/R Chiefs & Presidents)

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ticipating in these live fire drills. Information as to dates and times will be distributed to those that are interested once more information regarding the burn permits is obtained. At this time, the burn training is anticipated to begin sometime in Spring 2004.

These houses are available to any company that wishes to conduct non-destructive fire training at this time. They have already been used by the Loudoun County Sheriffs Office. Please contact AC Short to arrange a date and time.

Submitted By:
David Short, Co. 11

Recruit Class #9 Photograph (Left to Right)

First Row:

Dan Shealy (Station 4); Denise Woods (Station 23); Sara Henley (Station 9); and Eric Banfe (Station 4).

Second Row:

Justin Gershon (Station 3); Brandon Frieder (Station 11); Mike Johnson (Station 19); and Marty Rutledge (Station 11).

Third Row:

Mike Guck (Station 3); Doug Wright (Station 12); Kevin Jacobson (Station 23); and Greg Moore (Station 11).

**NEED VOLUNTEER
ARTICLES &
PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Send to Frankie at Fire &
Rescue Services
or
E-Mail Articles to:
fsutherl@loudoun.gov**

Please Advise New Members How to Obtain Fire-Rescue Photo ID Cards

The only responsibility of the volunteer is to have their photograph taken by the Communications Division staff. They need to call the Communication's Center at 703-777-0637 prior to coming to the center to ensure the dispatchers are not too busy.

They will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to the company President for distribution.

A Save In Sterling

On Wednesday, December 31st, at 0833 hours a box alarm was dispatched for a house fire at 608 Nettle Tree Road. First arriving units reported that there was fire coming from the basement windows of the home. It was quickly determined that this was a working fire and additional units were dispatched to the scene.

With reports that there was someone still inside, firefighters gained entry to the home through the front door. During their search, two Loudoun County firefighters, Lieutenant Jeremy Gay and FF/EMT Greg Moore located the adult female in the hallway on the second floor. As the fire grew making exit by the side 'A' entrance hazardous for the victim, E611 pushed the fire clear of the side 'A' entrance allowing the firefighters to quickly carry the victim outside. The victim was flown by Fairfax 1 Helicopter to Washington Hospital Center for treatment of smoke inhalation and burn injuries. The victims parents, who were also home at the time of the fire, were uninjured. There were no firefighter injuries.

The fire, which resulted in approximately \$100,000 damage to the home, was started by a space heater that was operating too close to combustibles.

Units that responded to the fire included E11, TWR11, E18, W18, E404, CH15, BC601, E439, FFX1 (Helicopter), BC401, M404, A15-3 and A15-1 along with units from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Loudoun County Fire Marshall Office.



Career and Volunteer personnel worked together to make sure that this effort was a success. In addition to the units that Sterling had operating on the fire scene, there were additional units responding to other calls. This demonstrates the value of having a deep combination system.

Submitted by David Short, Co. 11 and Mary Maguire, LCFR

**CHECK
YOUR
PHOTO
ID CARD'S
EXPIRATION
DATE**

CAD STREETS - DECEMBER 2003

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Adamstown Ct	Churchill Glen Dr	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Bowmantown Bridge Ct	Mechanicsville Glen St	Loudoun Valley Estates	23	23	23-6
Catoctin Farm Ln	Yakey Ln	Proximity Co-Housing	12	12	12-8
Churchill Glen Dr	Rawley Springs Dr	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Common House Ln	Catoctin Farm Ln	Proximity Co-Housing	12	12	12-8
Commons Sq	Donegal Dr	South Village	19	19	19-2
Cricket Hill Ct	Mechanicsville Glen St	Loudoun Valley Estates	23	23	23-6
Dulles Gap Ct	Mechanicsville Glen St	Loudoun Valley Estates	23	23	23-6
Fieldmaster Ci	Raspberry Dr	Raspberry Falls	1	13	1-2
Hunters Crossing Ln	Raspberry Dr	Raspberry Falls	1	13	1-2
Lago Gallerie Ct	Belle Terra Dr	Lakes @ Belle Terra	23	23	23-8
Lago Stella Pl	Belle Terra Dr	Lakes @ Belle Terra	23	23	23-8
Lincoln Woods Ct	Mechanicsville Glen St	Loudoun Valley Estates	23	23	23-6
Long Al	Amalfi Ct	Courts of St Francis	2	14	2-11
Matties Tr	Donovan Dr	South Village	19	19	19-2
Milltown Farm Ct	Mechanicsville Glen St	Loudoun Valley Estates	23	23	23-6
Monti Cimini Ct	Belle Terra Dr	Lakes @ Belle Terra	23	23	23-8
Muriel Tr	Donovan Dr	South Village	19	19	19-2
Oakhill Heights Ct	Mechanicsville Glen St	Loudoun Valley Estates	23	23	23-6
Opportunity Dr	Destiny Dr	Kirkpatrick Farms	9	9	9-9
Snickersville Kiln Ct	Mechanicsville Glen St	Loudoun Valley Estates	23	23	23-6
Turlough Tr	Matties Tr	South Village	19	19	19-2
Val Varaita Dr	Lago Stella Pl	Lakes @ Belle Terra	23	23	23-8
Valle Ducale Dr	Belle Terra Dr	Lakes @ Belle Terra	23	23	23-8
Woodville Ct	Rawley Springs Dr	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2

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**Volunteer
Presidents and Chiefs
2004**

President 1-**Gary Gaither**
President 2-Amy Osowski
President 3-Olen All
President 4-**Dickie Costello**
President 5-**Jim Reed**
President 6-**David Ayers**
President 7-Bernie Boteler
President 8-**Clay McCuistion**
President 9-Mike Kalasanckas
President 10-James Hobbie
President 11-John Bischoff
President 12-William Mungovan
President 13-**Steven Porter**
President 14-**Bill Wilkinson**
President 15-**Philip Azzolina**
President 16-**Jim Dumbrel**
President 17-Jonathan Whitbey

Chief 1-**Wayne Whetsel**
Chief 2 -Billy Coburn
Chief 3-**William Sexton**
Chief 4-Jim Cunningham
Chief 5-Bill McGann
Chief 6-**Gary Corpus (Acting)**
Chief 7-Buzzy Carter
Chief 8-Bill Schwartz
Chief 9-Matt Shultz
Chief 10-Bobby Isaacs
Chief 11-Mickey Buchanan

Chief 12-**Mike Deli**
Chief 16-Sam Harris

Rescue Chief 3-Allie Love
Rescue Chief 4-**Fred Muller**
Rescue Chief 6-Stan Murphy
Rescue Chief 9-Kit Fraley
Rescue Chief 12-Karen Deli
Rescue Chief 13-**Wagner Grier**
Rescue Ch 14-Sheila Williams
Rescue Chief 15-Byron Andrews
Rescue Chief 16-Wally Rinaldi
Rescue Chief 17-**Rodney Krone**
(Acting)

*Note: Bold names are newly
elected officers.*

**Attention All Fire & Rescue
Chiefs & Presidents**

**2004 Senior
Leadership Conference**

Saturday, February 28, 2004

0830 hours to 1600 hours

**Ida Lee Park
60 Ida Lee Drive
Leesburg, Virginia**

Fire-Rescue Orientation Courses Scheduled

**The Orientation Course is a pre-requisite for the upcoming
EMT-Basic & Fire Fighter I Courses.**

Walk in—No PPTR Required

Wednesday, February 4, 2004 And Thursday, February 12, 2004
(Two separate dates offered)

7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Classroom III (Main Bldg.)
LCFR Training Center**